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SUBJECT: EXERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT BRIEFING, DECEMBER 11,
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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

FOLLOWING ARE EXERPTS ON SALT AT DEPARTMENT BRIEFING:

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING MORE ON THE STATUS OF THE AIDE
MEMOIRE? HAS THAT BEEN FINISHED YET?

A: YES, IT HAS. THE SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN
INITIALLED THE AIDE MEMOIRE BEFORE THE SECRETARY LEFT
FOR BRUSSELS.

Q: WHY COULDN'T THIS INFORMATION HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO US
YESTERDAY? THE QUESTION HAD BEEN RAISED THE DAY BEFORE
YESTERDAY, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT QUESTIONS WERE PUT TO
THE SECRETARY'S PARTY AT A RATHER HIGH LEVEL IN THIS
BUILDING YESTERDAY. THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT IMPARTED
TO PEOPLE ASKING THESE QUESTIONS HERE YESTERDAY AT THIS
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BRIEFING, OR LATER ON TO OFFICIALS IN THIS BUILDING.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO WAIT THIS AMOUNT OF TIME TO FIND OUT
THAT THIS DOCUMENT --

A: WELL, SPEAKING FOR MYSELF IN THIS BRIEFING, I WAS NOT
AWARE THAT THE AIDE MEMOIRE HAD BEEN INITIALLED.

Q: ARE YOU NOW IN A POSITION TO SAY WHAT THE MATTER WAS
THAT HELD UP THE INITIALLING?

A: NO.

Q: ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THESE DOCUMENTS PUBLIC?

A: I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER ON THIS
SUBJECT FOR YOU TODAY.

Q: WELL, YES OR NO? ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THEM PUBLIC?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANY RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTION TODAY ON
THAT.

Q: CAN YOU ASK WHAT THE PROSPECTS ARE OF THEM BEING
MADE PUBLIC? THE SECRETARY HAS MADE A SALES PITCH, AND
IN MY OPINION A VERY GOOD SALES PITCH FOR THE THING.
BUT HE IS NOT GOING TO REALLY SELL THEM UNTIL PEOPLE
KNOW WHAT IS IN THEM.

A: I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION.

Q: WILL YOU ASK WHETHER --

A: YES.

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